

in Central Washington. There, Theresa has fostered a community focused on providing exemplary care through patient, provider, and staff satisfaction. Prior to her leadership at Samaritan, she served on various executive boards for hospitals in Washington State where she shared her exemplary standards for leadership and management.

I am honored to represent Theresa, and sincerely thank her for her work providing critical healthcare services to the constituents of the Fourth District of Washington and for inspiring innovation in the healthcare field.

#### HONORING THE MISSISSIPPI CENTER FOR CULTURAL PRODUCTION

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2024*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mississippi Center for Cultural Production. The organization has gone beyond the call of duty to ensure that rural communities in Mississippi are taken care of and their stories are told.

The Mississippi Center for Cultural Production, also known as "Sipp Culture," is an approach and resource for cultivating thriving communities. Based in the rural South, Sipp Culture is honoring the history and building the future of rural Hinds County, especially in the Town of Utica, MS.

Sipp Culture supports community development from the ground up through cultural production focused on self-determination and agency designed by them and for them. The organization believes that history, culture, and food affirm our individual and collective humanity. Their goal is to strengthen the local food system, advance health equity, and support rural artistic voices—while activating the power of story—all to promote the legacy and vision of Utica, MS.

At the core of it all is the unwavering belief that gathering and sharing local stories is the best way to support safe and thriving communities for the future. Honoring growth, story, and imagination is an approach that can cultivate healthy and equitable places everywhere. For Sipp Culture, it all starts in Utica. I firmly believe the work Sipp Culture has done for the communities in Hinds County can be a model for what should be done for rural communities all across the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Mississippi Center for Cultural Production for their service to the citizens of Mississippi.

#### RECOGNIZING DR. THEODORE FOTOPoulos

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2024*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions of one of my constituents, Dr. Theodore Fotopoulos who has partnered with CARES

Senior Health Clinic to treat its dermatology patients for more than ten years. These healthcare providers treat all skin conditions, including skin cancers. Their work has often been lifesaving.

Dr. Fotopoulos and his colleagues who volunteer to serve this vulnerable population are making a profound impact on the lives of the patients they serve. Each of these volunteers have servant hearts, and their dedication to our community is impressive. It is said that a society can be judged by how well it treats its most vulnerable citizens. These medical professionals go above and beyond to ensure none of the patients seeking help at CARES Senior Center fall through the cracks.

It is clear that Dr. Fotopoulos and his fellow volunteers have made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for their service.

#### CONGRATULATING DR. MARCUS SCOTT IV

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2024*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Marcus Scott IV.

Dr. Scott has been nominated as one of the finalists for the Georgia Association of Secondary School Principal's Principal of the Year award. Dr. Scott earned a B.S. in middle school education from Armstrong Atlantic State University. He later earned a master's degree in school administration from Cambridge College.

During his 22 years of service, he has worked as an educator and administrator in Liberty, Glynn, and Chatham County. Out of these 22 years, he has spent 18 years in an administrative role.

Currently, Dr. Scott works as the principal of Lee Roy Myers Middle School in Savannah. He is also a radio host, a youth group president, and a Liberty County school board member. He has helped lead new efforts in improving the performance of students with the school receiving accolades for remarkable improvement.

Dr. Scott congratulates his colleagues on helping him receive such an honor, and we all wish him the best of luck when the finalist for Principal of the Year is selected.

#### RECOGNIZING MAURA CURRAN

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2024*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maura Curran as she concludes her service on the Scituate Select Board. For over two decades, Maura Curran has served as a pillar of the Scituate community, serving on the Scituate School Committee, the Advisory Committee, and for the past decade, on the Select Board. Maura's parents, the late Samuel and Mary Cavanaugh Cashman, instilled in their daughter to never hesitate to stand up for her beliefs as long as she was respectful in her disagreements. Maura has pointed to this

as the greatest lesson she learned from her parents, and the people of Scituate have benefited greatly from this guiding principle throughout her service to their town.

A tireless advocate for the Scituate Public Schools, Maura stepped up and successfully ran for a position on the School Committee in 2005. Throughout her term on the School Committee, Maura worked with her colleagues to maintain the quality of education in Scituate in the face of economic challenges.

As her tenure on the School Committee came to a close, Maura once again stepped up to serve the town on the Advisory Committee, working countless evenings to ensure that Town Meeting attendees were adequately prepared for Annual and Special Town Meetings.

In 2014, Maura was elected to fill an unexpired term on what was then known as the Board of Selectmen. For the first time in twelve years there was a woman on the Board. By the end of the decade, the Board was renamed the Select Board by Town Meeting and its members were majority female for the first time in history.

Under Maura's leadership on the Select Board, Scituate built a new public safety building, senior center, athletic field complex, and the Gates Middle School. Additionally, the town renovated its library and saw significant investments in replacing and improving water and sewer infrastructure.

Not seeking re-election this spring, Maura will step down from the Select Board after ten years of dedicated service. However, the work that Maura accomplished during her time on the Scituate Select Board, School Committee, and Advisory Board will leave a lasting impact for many years to come. The Town of Scituate has benefited greatly from the sacrifices made by Maura, her husband Sean, and their daughters Lindsay and Samantha, as they worked around her attendance at Monday night School Committee meetings, Tuesday night Select Board meetings, and Thursday night Advisory Committee meetings.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Maura Curran, and I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing her steadfast commitment to public service and the people of Scituate.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ISSAC L. BELTON

**HON. SHARICE DAVIDS**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2024*

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lieutenant Commander Issac L. Belton. Throughout his distinguished career, LCDR Belton demonstrated exceptional leadership and a tireless devotion to the defense of his Nation. His expertise and dedication were instrumental in shaping the next generation of naval personnel and ensuring the readiness of our forces.

LCDR Belton's service to our country began with his enlistment in the United States Navy in 1988 following his high school graduation from Rosa Fort High School in Tunica, Mississippi. He served aboard various commands, including the USS *Raleigh*, USS *Donald B. Beary*, and USS *Eisenhower*, where he developed his skills as a Boiler Technician.

In 2000, after twelve years of exemplary service as an enlisted sailor, LCDR Belton was commissioned as an Ensign. As a Naval Officer, he continued to serve with distinction aboard several vessels including the USS *Saipan*, USS *Tortuga*, USS *John Paul Jones*, and USS *Kearsarge*. His roles varied from Auxiliary Systems Officer to Main Propulsion Officer, showcasing his versatility and leadership abilities. His contributions extended beyond the confines of individual commands, as he served as a Training Center Administrator, Master Training Specialist, and Surface Warfare Officer, among other roles.

After 28 years of honorable and dedicated service, LCDR Belton retired from active duty, but his work did not stop there. In 2018, LCDR Belton founded Course Correction LLC, a service-disabled veteran owned small business which specializes in financial literacy education, leadership training, and contract management. His legacy of excellence continues to inspire and guide those who follow in his footsteps.

LCDR Belton passed away unexpectedly on February 12, 2024. In addition to his remarkable career, LCDR Belton's life was marked by love and commitment. Issac was married to Kansas City, Kansas native Lieutenant Commander Anjail Belton, also a retired Naval Officer. Together they have four adult children. They recently finalized the adoption of six of their grandchildren on December 20, 2023.

It is with great pride and gratitude that I recognize the outstanding service and life of Lieutenant Commander Issac L. Belton. His numerous awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon, attest to his exceptional valor and dedication. In his eyes, however, LCDR Belton's family was his greatest achievement.

I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our heartfelt appreciation to LCDR Belton and his family for their sacrifices and service to our country. May his legacy serve as a shining example of honor, courage, and selfless dedication to duty for generations to come.

DR. MARC YACHT

### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2024*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions of one of my constituents, Dr. Marc Yacht who has volunteered his time and expertise treating patients at the CARES Senior Clinic since 2007 when he retired as the Director of the Pasco County Health Department. He currently provides telehealth services for those who have no other options for care.

Dr. Yacht and his colleagues who volunteer to serve this vulnerable population are making a profound impact on the lives of the patients they serve. Each of these volunteers have servant hearts, and their dedication to our community is impressive. It is said that a society can be judged by how well it treats its most vulnerable citizens. These medical professionals go above and beyond to ensure none of the patients seeking help at CARES Senior Clinic fall through the cracks.

It is clear that Dr. Marc Yacht and his fellow volunteers have made a profoundly positive

impact on our community, and I am grateful for their service.

### HONORING NATCHEZ (MS) KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2024*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor some remarkable servants, Natchez Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

On March 22, 1964, 12 noble men chartered the Natchez (MS) Alumni Chapter.

The chapter's initial plan was to be named Alcorn Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, but due to restraints on campus, the chapter was moved to Natchez, Mississippi, which birthed the Natchez (MS) Alumni Chapter.

With hard work and dedication, we salute the honorable charter members: Marino Casem, Eddie Coleman, John Dow, Grant Dungee, Lonnie Eiland, Chris Hester, Charles Humphrey, Willie Jackson, Robert Lewis, Albert Lott, Armand Pinkney, and Riley Williams.

Brothers Armand Pinkney and Riley Williams were also charter members of the Gamma Pi Chapter.

Sixty years later, the Natchez Nupes continue to achieve in every field of human endeavor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Natchez (MS) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi for their continuing dedication and tenacity to serving their community and desire to be an example for all.

### RECOGNIZING MR. RODNEY BRUMIT

#### HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2024*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Rodney Brumit for his dedicated service to the Kings County community and to congratulate him on his well-earned retirement as principal of Lemoore High School. Mr. Brumit was born in Hanford to a family of educators. After graduating from Hanford High School where his father was a teacher, Mr. Brumit earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Fresno State University. Mr. Brumit furthered his education at Fresno Pacific University, having completed both the Principals and Superintendents Academies. Mr. Brumit began his 25-year career in education as a history teacher at Coalinga High School. He later became the school's Dean of Students and assistant principal. In 2003, Mr. Brumit became Lemoore High School's assistant principal. After five years as assistant principal, Mr. Brumit was selected as principal, where he would lead a faculty of more than 200 employees and 2,000 students annually. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Brumit was dedicated to the success and well-being of all students at Lemoore High School. He was actively involved in numerous aspects of the school's operation, having served as the Director of the School Attendance Review Boards, a member of the negotiations team,

and as a Special Education administrator. In addition to his achievements as principal, Mr. Brumit was steadfast in his commitment to improving the lives of vulnerable students in the community. Mr. Brumit worked hard to implement gang resistance programs with the King's County Sheriff's Office, bring the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California program to Lemoore, and create the social and emotional intervention model in coordination with the Kings County Office of Education. Mr. Brumit's dedication to the students at Lemoore High School is a true testament to his character. While he will be missed as principal, I am confident that Mr. Brumit's leadership will have a lasting impact on the Lemoore High School community for years to come. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking Mr. Rodney Brumit for his service to Lemoore High School. I wish him a happy and well-deserved retirement.

### CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF VIRGINIA FOOTHILLS DISTILLERY AND COMPANY

#### HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2024*

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Virginia Foothills Distillery and Company on their grand opening.

Located in Orange County, Virginia, Virginia Foothills Distillery and Company is a blossoming business owned and operated in part by Charles "Chuck" Reinhold. Chuck is a dedicated business owner and partner who brings valuable knowledge to his team through his service to our country.

Previously serving in the U.S. Army and Virginia National Guard, Chuck continues to serve his country as a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves while operating his business. He has answered the call to serve time and again—from Operation Noble Eagle, to Operation Enduring Freedom, to Operation Enduring Resolve. He was also mobilized in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and provided support to countless communities following various natural disasters. Today, he continues to serve the American people through his position with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. During his free time, he serves as a volunteer firefighter with the Gordonsville Volunteer Fire Company and as a board member for the Orange County Chamber of Commerce.

Virginia Foothills Distillery and Company is a wonderful example of the contributions of our Veterans. I am proud to celebrate the hard work and effort that Veterans like Chuck continue to pour into our communities—making them stronger and more vibrant.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Charles "Chuck" Reinhold and the Virginia Foothills Distillery and Company team. I look forward to celebrating all that they will accomplish in the future as they work to grow and expand their footprint in Orange County, Virginia.